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## CEMETERY ASS'N ORGANIZED 1859

**Prospect Hill Cemetery  
Association first Organ-  
ized 51 Years ago.**

**I. W. WILLARD FIRST PRESIDENT**

**Old Officers all Passed Away. Many  
Improvements Made During  
the Recent Years.**

The organization of Prospect Hill Cemetery association was effected and officers elected the 24th day of March, 1859. The first officers elected were Isaac W. Willard, president; Eliza Durkee, clerk and secretary; Thomas A. Granger, treasurer and Daniel O. Dodge, sexton. By laws were drafted and I. W. Willard was empowered to purchase the present grounds of the cemetery of Daniel O. Dodge and John Gramps. The grounds then were as nature made them, covered with a thick growth of trees and saplings, mostly of hickory. No more suitable or beautiful grounds could have been selected.

Among the first officers and trustees already named, was Gilbert J. Hudson, treasurer from the 27th day of October, 1860, to his death in 1881. Chandler Richards was appointed to fill vacancy occasioned by Mr. Hudson's death, and served as treasurer until 1882, when Edwin Martin was elected. I. W. Van Fossen, who is still living, was elected clerk and secretary October 10, 1879 and resigned April 7, 1903, after 24 years of faithful service. His successor, A. W. Cummings, the present secretary, was elected at the above meeting.

On the death of I. W. Willard, which occurred April 8, 1879, Frank W. Sellick was elected president. John W. Free was elected treasurer January 5, 1888, and still serves in that capacity to this day.

Eugene H. Hall was elected sexton November 2, 1898, and served two years, Wm. Long having done the duties of sexton previous to that time and since Mr. Hall's resignation until Mr. Long's resignation April 1, 1910, when the present sexton, Thomas J. Smith, was elected.

George M. Harrison was elected president in place of F. W. Sellick, September 16, 1890, and has taken great interest in the welfare of the association and in looking after the improving and beautifying of the grounds.

The office of vice president was created September 16, 1899, when L. H. Titus was elected to that office and served until September 3, 1906, when A. Lynn Free was elected to take Mr. Titus' place.

The improvement and memorial fund created in 1899 is meeting with satisfaction, the records of the secretary showing 54 lot owners having availed themselves of this offer. It provides for the perpetual care of and keeping clean lots and monuments whose owner pays the sum of \$25 and without any further assessment, the income arising therefrom paying all expenses for the care of said lots. Otherwise a yearly assessment of not less than 2 percent of the valuation of a lot is levied on lot owners.

Sufficient funds were collected by A. W. Cummings, the present secretary, to build a substantial wire fence with indestructible posts around the 21 acres of ground, and in May, 1904, the fence was built.

The present officers and trustees of the association are, President, Geo. M. Harrison, vice president, A. Lynn Free; secretary, A. W. Cummings; treasurer, John W. Free; sexton, Thomas J. Smith.

### POT LUCK SUPPER.

The sewing club enjoyed a pot luck supper at the home of Mrs. Neil Chapell last Monday evening.

## Paw Paw will Have Splendid Lecture Course the Coming Year. Fellowship Club in Charge

The citizens of Paw Paw are assured of a first class lecture course the coming year.

During the past two years the Fellowship club have had charge of the lecture course. At a recent meeting the club voted to turn the lecture course matter over to the ladies of the Coterie, who had charge of the same prior to the organization of the Fellowship club. After mature deliberation, however, the ladies of the Coterie decided that they did not care to again become responsible for a lecture course, and rather than not have a course this winter, the Fellowship club at its meeting last Wednesday evening rescinded its previous action and voted to put on a course again the coming year.

L. C. Hall of the Midland lyceum bureau was present at the meeting and ex-

## ASSIST THE CENSUS MAN

**Many People Ignorant of Their Family  
History. Farmers Have Neglected  
to Prepare Schedules.**

Arthur Hutchins is progressing nicely with the census work. He encounters some difficulties now and then, the principal one of which is the fact that many wives do not know where their husband's parents were born, and many husbands confess a like ignorance. It would be an accommodation to the enumerator if those who have not already received a visit from him would study family history enough at least to know the birth place of the parents of both sides of the house.

Then, again, there are many farmers who have neglected to fill out the advance schedules sent out by the department. Some do not seem to comprehend the importance of the census and have given no attention to the instructions. John Woodman, who is taking the census in the rural districts, states that he is greatly handicapped on this account. Unless farmers get busy and have the schedules prepared in advance, it will be impossible to complete the work in the country in the allotted time of 30 days.

## FRUIT GROWERS ON ANXIOUS SEAT

**Snow Storm Last Sunday Night. Cold  
and Threatening During Week,  
but no Damage Done Yet.**

Paw Paw fruit growers have been trembling during the past week for fear there would be a frost, which at this time would make their prospective bank account for next fall look like thirty cents.

There was quite a snow storm last Sunday night, the ground being covered on Monday morning, and flakes of snow continued to fall during the day. The sun soon came out however and the beautiful melted away. In some sections of lower Michigan there was a heavy fall of snow and fruit is reported to be badly damaged. In this section, however, everything is still all right. It has kept cold during the week, but clouds and winds have thus far favored us. There was a light frost in some sections on Wednesday night, but not enough to do any amount of damage.

If no heavy frosts come there will be the biggest crop of fruit here that Van Buren county has ever known. Here's hoping.

## FAIR PRODUCTION OF OPERA MASCOT

**Large Audience Greeted English Opera  
Company Monday Night. Principal  
Parts Were Well Played.**

Paw Paw people were permitted to get a glimpse of comic opera last Monday evening when the English Opera Co. gave a very fair production of "Mascot" at the opera house.

It was very evident that a majority of the audience were not familiar with the opera, for after a very thrilling finale to the second act at least two-thirds of the people thought the show was over, arose from their seats and fled out. The manager came out, however, and announced that there was no cause for alarm, as they had still another act to play. Those who had gone out came back and resumed their seats or stood in the foyer of the theatre during the remainder of the performance.

The opera house was well filled, and the audience was very well pleased with the entertainment. The principal characters of the opera were creditably filled.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF BOOSTER CLUB

**At Dyckman House, Tues-  
day. Attendance  
Was Small.**

## REPORT ON FACTORY PROJECT

**Proposition Uncertain as Yet. Vice  
President Sellick Will Be in  
Charge of Next Meeting.**

The Boosters club held its regular bi-weekly meeting and luncheon at the Dyckman house last Tuesday. There were not as many present as there should have been. Many were kept away for various reasons, and only 31 sat down to enjoy one of Landlord Stevenson's excellent luncheons.

The meeting was called to order by President McNeil, who announced that Vice President W. J. Sellick would have charge of the next meeting two weeks hence. W. J. Warner, member of the committee appointed to procure trees for Pottawamie island, reported that but \$30 had been subscribed, but thought the amount would be doubled in a few days.

Mr. Munn, who was appointed to go to Kalamazoo and investigate the prospects of getting Mr. Lonsberry to move his truck factory here, reported that he went to Kalamazoo as delegated, but could not make any definite report at this time. It was hoped, however, that he may decide to come here. It is quite a desirable institution employing a score or more of men.

Rev. C. E. Varney was a guest of the club and gave a short talk that was appreciated by the club members. He said that he had always been delighted with Paw Paw and its surroundings, but since the lake had been added to its attractions, the place was certainly ideal. He spoke of the progressive spirit which prevailed among the citizens and gave an extremely optimistic forecast for the future of Paw Paw.

The vice president appointed E. S. Briggs, E. E. Downing and Ed. Bailey as entertainment committee for the next meeting.

## REGISTERED UNDER NEW LAW.

E. M. Snow, who several years ago took up the study of optometry under Dr. Loren Curtis, has been granted a certificate of registration by the board of state examiners for the practice of optometry, as required by the new law of the state. He will for the present have his office at his home on East Territorial street and will carefully correct any error of refraction with which you may be troubled. A goodly number of satisfied customers will bear testimony as to his ability.

## WON THE FIRST GAME.

Paw Paw crossed bats with the Lawton high school team last Saturday in the first game of the season. It was something of a one sided game and terminated in a victory for the Paw Paw boys by the score of 13 to 2. The heavy rain which drenched the boys on their return home did not dampen their ardor in the least, and they notified the residents of the village of the victory as they drove through the streets.

## FISCHER DANCING PARTY.

Invitations are out for a Fischer dancing party at the Idle Hour theater (rink) next Tuesday evening, April 26. To those who enjoy dancing there is no music in the world that quite compares with Fischer's. The floor will be put in the best possible condition for this party, and it should and undoubtedly will be well patronized. A concert will be given from 8 to 9 for the benefit of those who do not care to dance.

## MUSICAL GEORGETTES.

The Musical Georgetownettes, who appeared at the Idle Hour theater last week, were in a class by themselves. Little Florence was certainly a musical wonder. The attraction was not patronized as such talent would seem to warrant, but those who attended the performances were delighted. Mr. Thayer is to be congratulated and commended on the class of entertainment he is furnishing for the people of Paw Paw.

## DEATH OF DORRIS HENION.

Little Dorris Henion, the 4 year and 6 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Henion of Porter township, died at the home of her parents, April 12. She was of a lovely nature, the idol of her parents and the sunshine of a large circle of friends. She was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyce of this place.

## REUNION OF FIELD FORCE.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Prater were in Detroit this week to attend a reunion of the state field workers of the anti-saloon league. On Wednesday evening they attended a banquet at the Y. M. C. A. hall.

## SPORTING GOODS DISPLAY

**In Norwood's Show Window. This  
Popular Dealer is Doing Immense  
Business This Year.**

C. A. Norwood's store window has attracted considerable attention among sportsmen the past week. It is nicely trimmed with all the latest designs in sporting goods with which the large store is filled from top to bottom. Hugh Walker is the window artist.

Norwood is having a phenomenal business in his line this year. He is a liberal advertiser and has the goods to back up his claims. A full page ad. in this issue of The True Northerner demonstrates in a measure the secret of his success. He is also getting his share of the automobile business. The Reo machine is too well known to need any special comments. It is a popular machine, and the factory can scarcely make them fast enough to supply the demand. Norwood went to Chicago, Thursday, to get a Reo car, and Lew Jacobs also brought one home from Lansing.

## PAW PAW BUSINESS MAN TIED FOR LIFE

**Proprietor Maple City Restaurant is  
Married. Ceremony in Cafe.  
Bride Kalamazoo Lady.**

C. S. Hoskins, Paw Paw's popular restaurateur, was "tied for life" Thursday of this week to Mrs. Rose Scott of Kalamazoo. The ceremony took place in the cafe immediately after dinner. Rev. C. L. Owen of the Baptist church was the officiating clergyman.

Charley is especially proud of his bride and says that business in fresh eggs, home made pies and bottled milk will be on the jump from now on.

As the census enumerator has just started to count noses in the village of Paw Paw, it is exceedingly proper that our population should be increased at the expense of our neighboring city of Kalamazoo, and The True Northerner suggests that more of our citizens go and do likewise.

Mr. Hoskins recently purchased the Maple City restaurant. He is a hustler, and The True Northerner extends congratulations to the happy couple on the felicitous event.

## DEATH RATE IS ON THE INCREASE

**Greater than for Corresponding Month  
Last Year. Birth Rate Also  
Takes a Big Jump.**

There were 3,757 deaths reported to the department of state as having occurred during March. This number corresponds to an annual death rate of 16.7 per 1,000 estimated population. The number returned for March exceeds that for February by 672 and is also 233 more than was returned for March, 1909.

There were 618 deaths of infants under one year of age, 212 deaths of children aged one to four years and 1,321 deaths of elderly persons aged 65 years and over.

Important causes of death were as follows: Pulmonary tuberculosis, 222; other forms of tuberculosis, 36; typhoid fever, 43; diphtheria and croup, 20; scarlet fever, 33; measles, 24; whooping cough, 27; pneumonia and broncho-pneumonia, 384; diarrhoea, enteritis, under two years of age, 45; meningitis, 48; influenza, 120; cancer, 159; violence, 175.

As compared with the preceding month, a decided increase is noted in the number of deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis, other forms of tuberculosis, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough, enteritis, under two years of age, meningitis, influenza, cancer and violence. A decrease is noted in the number reported from diphtheria and croup and pneumonia.

Smallpox caused nine deaths during the month, one in the township of Portsmouth, Bay county, and eight in the city of Bay City.

There were 5,275 certificates of birth returned. This corresponds to an annual birth rate of 23.4 per 1,000 estimated population. The number of births for March exceeds those returned for February by 795.

## OPENING GAME OF SEASON.

The base ball season on the home grounds will open on Saturday, April 23, at 3 p. m. Dowagiac high school will be the opposing team and a good game is anticipated. All lovers of the national game are urged to be present and give the local team a good send off.

## AMERICA'S GREATEST GENERAL

A luncheon in honor of the birth of General Grant, America's greatest general, will be given in the M. E. church Wednesday, April 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. The entire public is invited. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. will be given special attention.

## GAME WARDEN AP- PEARED ON SCENE

**Kalamazoo Man Wanted  
Mess of Black Bass for  
His Breakfast.**

## JUST SPEARED BLACK BASS

**When C. D. Leach Upset His Plans.  
Now Loathes the Sight, Smell or  
Even Thoughts of Fish.**

Last night Herbert Pierce was a great lover of fish. Today he detests them, either dead, alive or in picture. The man with the suddenly acquired loathing for that sort of food lives at Climax. Close by is Burnham lake, and the fishing is good.

Last night, when all appeared quiet and peaceful, and there were no game wardens in sight, Pierce hitched up old Dobbin, got out his spear and net and in company with his wife started out to get a mess of bass for breakfast this morning. All this was done contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, but he thought he could get away with it.

Pierce had just speared a big black bass—the biggest one he ever landed—when Deputy Game Warden Charles D. Leach confronted the law breaker like a wraith descending from the waters of the lake. The culprit promised to appear before Judge Mason at 11 o'clock this morning, if allowed to go without being taken to jail, and as his wife was with him, he was permitted to do so.

The defendant promptly pleaded guilty when arraigned. He was given a severe castigation by the court for violating the game laws and was told that such actions were responsible for the disappearance of fish from the waters of the state more rapidly than the natural increase.

"The law against improper fishing is a hard one to enforce," said the judge, "because it is difficult to catch the culprits. Some people think they can violate it with impunity. This idea is erroneous. I shall mete out severe punishment to offenders convicted before me."

Pierce was then fined \$25 and \$5.20 costs, or 30 days in jail. He paid.—Kalamazoo Press.

## DEPUTY GAME WARDENS HERE

**The State Deputies Here With Warden  
Leach Last Friday Looking After  
Violators in Southern Mich.**

Deputy State Game Wardens Otto Rohm of Ypsilanti, Neal Dornbos of Holland and Jim Leggett of Perry were in Paw Paw last Friday. In company with Deputy C. D. Leach the above bunch have been looking after game violators in southern Michigan. They travel in an automobile and in that way cover an immense amount of territory. They have been very successful in apprehending violators of the game and fish laws. In Coldwater alone recently they arrested 12 fish violators, who plead guilty and paid fines and costs aggregating \$560.

## POMONA GRANGE.

Van Buren County Pomona Grange will meet with Woodman Grange at the Woodman Grange hall on Saturday, April 30. Brother John C. Keckum of Hastings, Mich., will be state Grange speaker. All patrons are urged to be present.

## IMPROVING RESIDENCE.

Bert Bennett is making extensive improvements on his residence recently purchased from Mesdames Sanger and Helms on north Niles street. It will soon be ready for occupancy.

## Jackson Gets Judgment for Rebate.

## Chancery Matters the Last

## Week. Court Adjourned.

Circuit court, which has been in session since March 21st, adjourned Wednesday. Judge Des Voignes will go to Cassopolis tomorrow to be in readiness for the Cass County term, which convenes next Monday.

The last week was taken up with chancery matters, the jury having been discharged last Saturday. The last jury case to be tried was the case of Thornton B. Jackson vs. the Southern Michigan Fruit association. The suit was brought to recover the rebate which Mr. Jackson claimed was due him from the fruit association from last season's business. He is a member of the association and started to ship with them last season. After shipping about \$1,000 worth of grapes he finished the season with the Paw Paw Fruit Growers Union. The Southern Michigan claimed

## HAVING GREAT EXPERIENCE

**S. O. Noyes Writes Interesting Letter  
From Havana. Is on Board U.  
S. S., South Carolina**

Following is a letter written by S. O. Noyes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Noyes of Glendale. Sam is a blacksmith in the navy on board the U. S. S. South Carolina:

April 2, 1910.

Dear Parents:—After a voyage of four days and nights, we arrived in Havana from St. Thomas. We left on Monday morning at 5:30 and anchored this morning at 8 o'clock.

I am going on liberty tomorrow. We are anchored just a few yards from the old Mains that was blown up here in '98. Most all of her is below water except one of her fighting tops and some of the iron work about the upper deck.

We certainly had a very nice voyage on this trip. We have not had any mail for eight days. Will get our mail here today about noon. I am expecting a letter from you. We stay here five days and then go to Charleston, S. C., back to the good old States.

While on Liberty at St. Thomas, I made a visit to Black Beard's and Blue

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## BLOOMINGDALE MAN GOT THE REWARD

**Located H. Y. Tarbell's Horse Which  
Was Supposed to Have Been Stolen.  
Had Strayed Away.**

Several weeks ago H. Y. Tarbell lost one of his valuable horses. It was one of those brought from the West by Mr. Tarbell and was missed from the barn a few days after arriving here. The owner was of the impression that the horse had been stolen and placed the matter in the hands of the sheriff. Reward cards were sent out with a description of the missing animal and offering a reward of \$25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves, and Mr. Tarbell also offered \$25 for the return of the horse. One of the cards fell into the hands of one of the Baxter boys, marshal of the village of Bloomingdale, who picked up the horse somewhere in that vicinity. It apparently had escaped from Mr. Tarbell's barn and strayed over into Bloomingdale, where it was taken care of. Mr. Baxter returned the horse and received the \$25 reward.

## LAKE PROPERTY IS ALL PLATTED

**Maple Lake Improvement Co. Now  
Has Building Lots Ready for  
the Market.**

The Maple Lake Improvement Co. have been busy for several weeks and now have their lake property ready for the market. The lands adjoining the lake have all been platted, underbrushed and cleaned up, streets laid out and trees set along what will be the public highways, and anyone who is looking for a fine building spot on the finest lake in the world can now have their wishes gratified.

Attractive booklets showing cuts of the lake and giving descriptive matter of the town and surrounding country have been printed and circulated, large ads. will appear in next Sunday's Kalamazoo and Chicago papers and everything has been done in a businesslike and systematic manner. A large amount of money has already been expended, but the company cannot help but succeed in the enterprise. It might be well to remember that a boost for the Paw Paw improvement association will be a boost for Paw Paw.

that he was not entitled to rebate by reason of not having finished the season with them. The jury brought in a verdict of \$55.83 for Mr. Jackson. This was an appeal case from justice court and the judgment of the lower court was affirmed. An order granting a stay of proceedings was entered and the case will probably be reviewed by the supreme court.

Judgment by default was entered in the case of H. F. Hahn Co. vs. D. J. Treat in the sum of \$573.50. A decree was entered in the case of Elmer Conery vs. Nick Yunker et al. ordering the sale of the bank block in Goberville to secure an equitable accounting between the parties to the suit. Motion for a new trial denied in Inez Dorman vs. August Ulrath. Alice E. Moden was granted a divorce from her husband, Edward Moden, of Lawrence.